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FOR EUR - DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE

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SUBJECT: RFE LIAISON POSITION AT MUNICH

REF: ANDREWS' CIRCULAR LETTER TO AMBASSADORS OF DECEMBER
30, 1975

1. HARRY BARNES INFORMS ME THAT THE GILMORE POSITION AT
MUNICH IS SCHEDULED FOR ABOLITION IN JULY, 1977, PURSUANT
TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUR INSPECTORS.

2. I REGRET MY FAILURE TO COMMENT ON THIS RECOMMENDATION
WHEN I RECEIVED NICK'S LETTER. I CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION
A MISTAKE. CLEARLY, THERE SHOULD BE A FORMAL MECHANISM IN
EUR FOR REVIEWING RFE'S OUTPUT AND FOR CONVEYING GUIDANCE TO
RFE, BUT SUCH A SYSTEM WILL NOT WORK IF THE DEPARTMENT IS
SHOUTING AT EITHER BIB OR RFE OVER THE CHASM OF IGNORANCE
WHICH WOULD BE OPENED BY THE ABOLITION OF THE LIAISON FUNCTION
AT MUNICH. SO LONG AS RFE'S OPERATING DIVISIONS ARE LOCATED
AT MUNICH, WE WILL NEED AN OFFICER OF GILMORE'S CALIBER AND
SKILL TO DO TWO THINGS: FIRST, CONVEY TO THE AMERICAN
LEADERSHIP OF RFE A SENSE, ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, OF WHAT
IS GOING ON IN EASTERN EUROPE AND HOW IT IS VIEWED BY OUR
MISSIONS IN THE AREA AND BY THE DEPARTMENT; SECOND, KEEP
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THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED ON THE DEVELOPING ATTITUDES AND

CONCERNS BOTH OF THE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP AND OF THE
PERSONNEL OF THE BROADCASTING SERVICES IN MUNICH.

3. WITHOUT SOMEONE AS GOOD AS HARRY GILMORE FULFILLING
THIS FUNCTION, THE RISK IS GREAT THAT WE WILL END UP IN
A DIALOGUE OF THE DEAF. THIS MIGHT NOT MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE
IF WE WERE DISCUSSING POLICY WITH ANOTHER AGENCY OF THE
GOVERNMENT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (OR DOORS AS NEARLY CLOSED
AS THEY EVER GET THESE DAYS). BUT RFE IS BEING HEARD BY
MILLIONS. IN VIEW OF THIS FACT, I SIMPLY DO NOT SEE HOW
THE DEPARTMENT CAN AFFORD TO PERMIT THIS POSITION TO BE
ABOLISHED.

4. AGAIN, I EXPRESS MY CHAGRIN THAT I DID NOT REACT
IN JANUARY TO THIS RECOMMENDATION.
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